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Once again the South Florida FM Assn. (WB4HAA) handled communications for the MIAMI WALK FOR DEVELOPMENT, sponsored by The American Freedom from Hunger Foundation, Inc., in cooperation with the City of Miami and the Miami Police Department.

Some 872 walkers left the JFK Torch of Friendship in Miami's Bayfront Park at 8:12 a.m., Saturday, March 11th. They walked a 24 mile route around Miami which ended back at the Torch.

Over 1,000 messages were handled all on 2 meter FM between two portable stations and the following mobile and walkie talkies: K4ANW, K4ILC, WA4KSD, WA4LHK, WB4DYU and WB4OWU. Portable stations were: W4GOG at the HQ, and W4IYT at the Torch. Twelve check points were used in the 24 mile route.

The March officials were very impressed with the amateur communications and offered their sincere thanks and a well done to all hands.

EX CALLS

There seems to be no end to EX-CALLS. (Thank goodness.) Have you sent in yours? Editor.

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Old Friends United Via Amateur Radio

(See photo Page 10.)

On January 21, 1972, the writer, WB4AFQ, ex VS6BF, (Maritime Mobile) ex VQ9AA, completed a QSO that started on a Chinese Junk (no engine) in the Gulf of Aden on June 1, 1939 with Eric Lowe ZS1A, ex ZS6DY, of Johannesburg, S. Africa.

In December 1939, together with five other fellows, I participated in an adventure on the Pang-Jin, a centuries old designed Chinese Junk, that sailed from Hong Kong for the New York World's Fair but sank in the Red Sea six months later. The Junk had a late departure from Hong Kong and against all sailing directions, started across the southern Indian Ocean during a cyclone season.

The sea became wild and the waves cascaded over the deck with smashing effects. We were in a terrible storm east of Madagascar and the Junk began to labor hard. Not understanding French, any weather reports or forecasts issued by Madagascar went unheeded and we, unknowingly, were headed into a severe cyclone. As wireless operator for the Pang-Jin, I sang over and over my call "VS6BF, VS6BF, VS6BF calling CQ, VS6BF calling CQ, CQ, CQ, come in someone please." We had had no answer to my CQs for the past several days. Back

and forth I dialed when suddenly I heard a strong voice saying hello VS6BF answering VS6BF, VS6BF, answering VS6BF, this is ZS6DY, Johannesburg, S. Africa is standing by, go ahead.

I was almost too excited to talk, however. I managed to inform ZS6DY that I was on a Chinese Junk east of Madagascar in a severe storm and needed weather reports and a forecast on direction of storm in that vicinity, could he help?

ZS6DY furnished us with the latest weather reports and stated that the weather bureau advised that we proceed northwest in order to escape the danger zone.

From then on Eric Lowe, for that proved to be the operator's name, was our constant companion over the air. He fur-

nished us with valuable information and we kept our nightly schedule until his signals became too weak and we lost contact on June 1, 1939. A few days later, the Junk was in trouble again and on June 12, 1939, the Pang-Jin gave up the ghost and slid silently beneath the Red Sea to a watery grave. All hands were saved by a Greek Steamer and later deposited in Port Said, Egypt. In due time, most of the crew and ZS6DY lost contact with each other.

Only recently from an extensive search from South Africa, Eric Lowe uncovered my present call from an amateur operator near my old home town of Omaha, Nebr., and by mail set-up a schedule on the 15 M band.

On January 21, 1972, contact (continued on Page 16)



Two Sarasota hams reflect on their start in amateur radio. Harold Rabjohns, WB4AQV(R) initiated Newt Magnuson, WB4JSZ into this unique hobby. Newt usually parks his VFO on the low end of twenty. Harold devotes his attention to MARS. (WB4JSZ photo)

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SILENT KEYS

We are deeply sorry to report the passing of the following amateurs:

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SUNSPOT DECLINE

As sun spots decline, improved DX possibilities are expected this year with the start of operation of the Ansat-Oscar C satellite.

It is a long lifetime device designed to repeat a 100 kHz wide segment of the 2 meter band on 10 meters.

The amateur spacecraft is expected to go into orbit this July piggyback with the Itos D meteorological satellite. QST for March 1972, page 58 provides additional details. (ARRL OB 364)



Letters To Editor

Dear Andy:

The Florida legislature is getting tough — maybe they are trying to earn that 1000 percent raise. Here's the latest!

\$2.40 — Collector's Exhibitions — by Henderson — Requires an occupational license tax applicable to temporary art and collector's exhibitions at which tangible personal property is traded or sold. (Ways and Means).

To me this means that the Old Time exhibition at the Miami Biltmore will be taboo in the future unless an occupational license is first obtained. I am sure this is meant for the many old exhibits that are springing up all over BUT it applies, however unintentionally, to old time gear exhibits at Handfests where there is a so-called SWAP TABLE.

Thought you might be interested. 73.

Al Mavey, W4ID
Eau Gallie Fla.

Editor,

Reference your March article on Florida restructuring. I would like to contest the statement that W4RB and myself objected to ANY changes. If the interests of the Miami area want to draw a line across the peninsula in the vicinity of Orlando and form a North and a South Florida Section out of the present East Florida Section, this is a change which we would support fully. This would truly be the "NEW DEAL" you refer to, and not a "RAW DEAL" for West Florida.

73.

Frank M. Butler, Jr., W4RRT
SCM, Western Florida

Dear Mr. Editor:

Enclosed please find our check for \$2.00 for renewing our subscription. We both enjoy Florida Skip and look forward each month to the interesting issue. We hope you keep the magazine JUST LIKE IT IS, as we get plenty of the technical articles in

our QST and Elementary Electronics magazines.

Keep up the good work. 73.

Winifred M. Koch, WN4TOW
Joseph G. Koch, WN4SXD
Lake Helen, Fla.

Haji! Saluti! And Salutibus Felicitations Once Again!

Honest! I got to feeling so self conscious using the I Pee Pee call on the air, I wrote the P.C.C., gave 'em \$29.00 and they came back with a lil better call "E-4 Tom Cat," most fitting the gang say, due to my single status and nothing to do ashore except "Tom Cat" while waiting for another ship.

I received word while attending the Citrus QCWA luncheon Saturday last in Yawcoo, that I'm to be Keeper of the Ritty and Dispenser of the Hooch at the QCWA Shishu-Hits Room, Orlando Ram Fest upcoming at Howard Johnson's on Lee Road, May 20th & 21st. Two Saturdays ago we had a fine 89 attendance at the Gator Chapter QCWA meeting at the Causeway Inn, Tampa.

After driving over 1,000 miles, I picked this house to buy on a 200' wide peninsula and ZOWEE! Watts ground plane, with only an 40' piece of phone wire over the tree tops get us like Gang Busters.

Of course there was the Sea Going Sparlet who practiced sassing with his tongue on his straight key so he could waw the girls with a French Kiss at 10 W.P.M. when he went ashore.

Next Thursday I'll try to get the New Port Ketchy Amateur Radio Club to drop you a line on their activities.

Ere ya ole rum cored bilge rat of the deeper six and sailed seven — "K-4 Tom Cat."

Bob Maitor
Arlpeka, Fla.

Editor:

When you are listing Handfests in Skip, (continued on Page 4)

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Dan Franklin, WB2AYZ

Use It or Lose It — The 220 MHz Band

Amateur radio is not what it used to be — at least in the eyes of other users of the radio spectrum. It should not come as a surprise, then, that occasionally other services eye the amateur bands with a view toward confiscation. It must also be admitted that activity on some bands, although increasing, is not as great as could be desired to make a good case for our continuing use of these bands. A good example is the 220 MHz or 1-1 meter band. Activity on two meters and on 432 MHz is much higher than that on this band.

And so, we have a proposal before the FCC by the Citizen's Radio Section of the EIA to convert part of 220 into a Class E Citizens Radio Service. Eighty FM channels would be provided, presumably to be used by the same mixture of legitimate business services and ragchewing teenagers as the present Class D.

Having lost one Hamband to CB'ers, do we now want to lose part of another? It is time for all VHF amateurs who are worthy of the name to get on 220 MHz, to prove that we really do use the band. More important, everyone who cares should write to the FCC and express your disapproval of this idea. (The Chief of the FCC Amateur & Citizens Radio Division has recommended that all comments on the EIA proposal be deferred until a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on 220 MHz is put out. Write your letters now, and be prepared.) Write to:

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DAYTIME NTS NETWORKS?

One of the highlights of our recent SE Division Convention were the NTS meetings. Among those attending the three sessions were Eastern Area Net Manager K2KIR, Eastern Area Staff Chairman W4UQ and Fourth Region Net Manager W4SHJ. Also W4SQ from VA section contributed much to the meetings along with RM's W4OMG, K4EHY and K4VFF.

Number ONE item on the "agenda," DAYTIME NTS nets received a good deal of attention ... from those in attendance ... primarily CW operators. It was hoped that a cross section of operators representing all modes would participate in the discussions. This, however was not the case. Previous meetings in other areas of the country planned heavily on SSB as the primary mode for organized NTS daytime nets with early evening CW liaison to the present NTS schedules. The lack of phone operator representation at OUR meetings was a keen disappointment. This was taken by some to mean that there was absolutely no interest in phone operation beyond section level. I do not share this view. Lack of attendance was to some extent due to insufficient advance notice as to the schedule of the meetings and their specific purpose ... altho' 200 people in FLORIDA and other sections of the region and area were invited, and urged to spread the word.

Perhaps we have to overcome the connotation that the NTS can be nothing but a CW operation. CD Bulletins and QST traffic columns have explained several plans(+) in

detail. Of course in order to receive the DC Bulletins you must have some sort of ARRL Station Appointment; e.g., OPS OVS ORS. So ... altho' we "missed the boat" this time, to give these hard working NTS officials the benefit of some phone only operator thinking on Daytime NTS ... we will, I'm sure, have further opportunities. We have excellent SECTION NET phone activities. The question is DO WE WANT to EXPAND, and if so, CAN we do our share in providing the manpower to fulfill DAYTIME SSB NTS assignments.

LETTERS...

(Continued from Page 2)
will you be kind enough to include ours? The more publicity, the better.

The St. Petersburg Amateur Radio Club, SPARC, will hold its annual Hamfest at Lake Maggiore Park, 9th St. at 38th Ave., So., St. Petersburg, on May 7, 1972 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration will be \$1.00. Swap Tables, prizes for the VLA as well as the OMA, and something for the kiddies. Bring the family and your lunch! Plenty of parking.

73,

Lee L. Kanacan, K4WXX
for the St. Petersburg
Amateur Radio Club.

Dear Andy:

Reference is here made to the guest editorial by C. C. Drummeller, W5JJ. Without intent to comment on the editorial matter, there is one passage in the last paragraph that has been a sore spot to me for many years. Quote — "By calling it ham radio — implying that radio amateurs are a collection of irresponsible kooks — Unquote. Drummeller has hit it right on the head. The use of this term to identify licensed radio amateurs certainly lends no dignity or quality to the art, science or hobby call it what you will, of amateur radio.

There is a certain category of licensees who could legitimately be called kooks, however, this breed of licensee fortunately is well in the minority among licensed amateurs. The type referred to is the licensee who knows little or nothing about the equipment he uses, contributes nothing to the advancement of radio communications nor even helps to sustain the quality of communication procedure on the air. The type who, further will refuse to commit himself or his equipment for use in service to the public as prescribed in the FCC regulations.

For the vast majority of amateurs who do know their equipment, who do endeavor to contribute to the advancement of radio communications, who do sustain and help to improve the quality of communication procedure and who are always ready to operate in the public interest, their efforts are too often blunted by the acts of the minority group which I would call the "kooks."

I am for the abolishing of the term "ham" as applied to licensed radio amateurs. Wonder if any others agree.

M. T. "Mac" McSherry, W4PFC
St. Pete

Dear Andy:

I just finished a telephone conversation with Jerry Chicone, Orlando, and he said he just had word from Senator Bill Gunter concerning the CB tag bill. Bill told him that he had withdrawn his bill on CB tags after checking with the FCC and having complaints from hams.

Bands utilized would involve 15, 20 and 40 meters. Already established procedures for RECORD, amateur traffic, would prevail.

If you have any opinions on the subject upon which you care to expound, please put them in writing and mail to me. I will see that they are forwarded to Region and Area level NTS officials plus Communications Department at HQ.

73, de

Regis K. Kramer, W4LE
East Florida ARRL SCM

195 N.E. 76th Street

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(+) January QST 1972 page 71.

Bill Prose, W4VL, Winter Garden, wrote Senator Gunter about this matter as soon as the bill was presented and I spoke to Bill Gunter about it at a meeting later on. I've known the Senator for a number of years and helped him in all his political campaigns so it was not like going to a stranger.

A few days ago Jerry Chicone was in my shack and for some reason this tag business came up and I told him I had spoken to him (Gunter) about this and then showed Jerry a copy of Jan. Fla. Skip and he tore off the front page and mailed it to Bill Gunter for me and that coupled with several other things made Senator Gunter change his mind. Jerry is not a ham but is certainly interested in our welfare.

I will try to take a couple of pix of my VLF transmitter beam and mail them to you in a couple of days and show what it takes to get on this 160 to 130 Kc non-license band.

Jack Ross, K4NTD
Oakland, Fla.

Editor:

May I commend the 1972 Tropical Hamboree convention committee in securing such a fine speaker as A. Prose Walker, W4BW, Chief, Amateur and Citizens Division Federal Communication Commission. I have attended ham conventions since the ARRL National 1938 held in Chicago. This address given by Prose Walker, W4BW, was, by far, the best talk I have ever heard at any ham gathering. He had a fine message for all amateurs and those who failed to attend the meeting missed some very valuable information relative communications and ham radio. I, for one, am most happy I attended and the trip to Miami was worth every minute, as the talk Prose gave was the highlight of the Hamboree.

However, I don't feel there was enough attendance present for such a fine address. I don't have the answer as to how to inspire more to attend such a meeting, but I am sure the committee in the future should give it more thought as to the timing.

I feel that with all the separate dinners held, they just failed to return for the guest speaker. In my opinion we failed to pay him honor by the lack of attendance. Every chair should have been filled.

Jack Six, W4YPA
Deltona, Fla.

There is always something to laugh about everyday, even if it is only about yourself.

+ + +

Descendents of the old woman who lived in the shoe now live on a shoestring.

K4TT...

HAM-OF-THE-MONTH

This month we nominate John Bay, K4TT, of Hollywood, Ham of the Month. John recently received his Golden 50 Year Award from the Quarter Century Wireless Association and for the past years has been active in the South Eastern Chapter in various activities.

Now he is elected to the high office of Vice Chairman of the SE Chapter of QCWA and we are expected to hear even more of him. John is on the air nearly every day and can be found near 28,800 in the 10 meter band, yes, he keeps it open. He is an active member of the Flamingo Net (1250 membership) and the California 10-10 Net (3240 membership), and is the permanent life Vice President No. 11 of the International 500 Society.

John and the Mrs. like hidden transmitter hunts and can generally be found at the head of the pack on these Flamingo Sunday activities. This means lots of mobile activity on 29.044 in addition to 28.800. Most of us have worked John in his travels to the old home state of Ohio and other cross country safaris covering the Western States.

John has had a lifetime of Spark, CW, and Phone operation, starting in Ohio more than 50 years ago as STT. Retired from the Painesville Office of the Bell Telephone System and came to Florida for the sunshine. Today, I would say he is the most active on the air amateur in Florida on the basis of log time. Look for him on 28.800 home or mobile.

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SOUTH MIAMI RADIO CLUB

By WB4JFA

As of this writing the club is in the process of moving our place of meetings to the National Hurricane Center at the U.S. Weather Center on the Univ. of Miami Main Campus. With this setup for our meetings we will be able to put K4JVA, the club station, on the air every time we meet and give out some of our certificates when others work the station.

The club is planning to participate in the Florida Skip QSO party in April and make it a combination picnic and field test of our equipment. All of the members are now 100 percent signed up in the A.R.P.S.C. so it looks like we will have a good turnout in case of an emergency.

Our honorary members, who are our XYLs now come to all the meetings and now have matching yellow and orange vests.

While on the subject of colors, I would like to mention the fact that yellow and orange have been the club colors since the early Fifties since the club was started. Another club uses the same colors but we are not in the same county.

Well, I hope to see some new faces at our April meeting. Just tell the guard at the door you are going to the Radio Club meeting and he will let you in.

DADE RADIO CLUB

By Hank Schaefer, WB0MYX

For those interested in becoming Novices or Generals, the code and theory class will meet on Friday evenings at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Dick Jones, WB0TM, who will handle the theory class. His phone number is 374-8557. Jim Frison, K4JWM, will handle the code. This class should benefit younger aspirants who are not permitted to attend the public school evening classes, because of age. Anyone, male or female, is welcome.

Plans for operation during Field Day in June, were discussed and a committee was set up to make preparations. Sam Hicks, K4ILC, will chairmen this committee with the able help of Jay Becker, WB4HDZ. Incidentally, Becker is the new equipment custodian so if anyone has any old equipment that is taking up valuable space, just let him know and he will gladly put it in storage.

Also discussed, but not acted upon, was the setting up of a portable station at the Midway Mall during the Senior Citizen activities in April. Consensus of opinion was that it might be well to show some equipment only and to explain to interested parties what it is used for. This would alleviate obvious headaches of having a manned transmitting station.

Election, first Tuesday in April and let's get out a good representation of membership.

SOUTH FLORIDA FM ASSOCIATION

By Joyce, K4EEN and Woody, K4EBK

The February meeting of SFFMA was held at the Eastern Air Line Simulator Building at the Miami International Airport. After a short business meeting, the proceedings were taken over by our Eastern members, Ken, W4IMI, Dick, K4AXC, and Snoopy, K4LRE who are simulator technicians, and Les, WB4WFF, its instructor and DC-8 Captain who originated this visit. After an enlightening briefing on the electro-mechanical workings of the simulator, individual groups of five or so were taken aboard the different aircraft simulators. Except for few incidences where club members were at the controls, all simulator flights were smooth and as close to a true flight as is almost believable. The high point of the evening was a flight on the new 1011C Tristar simulator. Our thanks to Eastern Air Lines and our Eastern members for a most unforgettable evening for the fifty club members and guests who attended.

New members accepted at the last meeting were W4GOG, Ray, W4JNV, Sam, W4TBJ, Bob, W4UDF, Don, K4YEB, Jim, and W4ZXL. Bill and his XYL, W4ZXE, Lois.

The next meeting of the Association will be on the 17th of April at the LIRC building at the University of Miami.

SILVER SPRINGS RADIO CLUB - OCALA

By Tom Brannan, WB4KQE

Plenty of activity in the Ocala area now on 2 meters with almost 20 local hams participating. Give us a call on "94" when you come through and there's a good chance someone will answer you.

A code and theory class sponsored by the club, with Kelly Reese, K4SLE as instructor, recently produced six new novices who are working hard towards getting their General tickets.

Roy Carpenter, K4EJW, recently erected a new tower and antenna system; Vernon Goin, W4VKH, just got on 2 meters (along with his XYL, Loraine, WB4JJO) with the purchase of 3 Gladding rigs; Tony Blalock, WB4EXN, recently completed construction of a SR-102; Ron Cox (W4PYE) XYL is recovering rapidly from an eye operation; Bill Cram, K4FAT, is making good progress after a bad fall which caused multiple arm fractures; Tom Brannan, WB4KQE, recently received a new Yaesu FT-101.

Our club publishes a monthly newsletter which is sent to all members in good standing. We would be glad to exchange newsletters with any other clubs in Florida. If interested, write Tom Brannan, Box 1129, Ocala, Fla. 32670.

GULF STREAM SOCIETY

By Bertha Farr Eggert, W4RMC

The business meeting of the Society was held Friday, March 2, 1972, at the Lake Worth Civic Center.

Win Hull, W4ACOR, was proposed for membership by Ted, K4IFQ, and seconded by Slim, W4IAZZ. The vote was unopposed and everyone welcomed Win and "Hank" as a new member. (Hank is his seeing eye dog.)

The fiscal year for the Society begins March 1 of each year; all members must pay their dues before the business meeting of May or they will be dropped. There was a discussion about raising or lowering the dues, but the members voted to keep them as they were.

The Secretary, John, W4VVPY, read two letters from the Florida Senators; one from Senator Jerry Thomas, and one from

Senator Tom Johnson, thanking us for our letters to them about Senate Bill No. 37, which has been withdrawn.

There was a long discussion about SERA and the idea of staggering 2 Meter FM Repeaters every 100 miles to avoid interference. The members came to the conclusion that it is a good idea and we all wish that repeaters would do this.

The Society will be moving its receiver site to a new location soon, and the antennas will be quite high up. We have a good telephone patch, using a dial, not touch tone, and many members are building the box for their own use.

John, W4VVPY, reported that his cousin, in Leventon (Citrus county) is putting up a line-of-site repeater on 28-M, with 2 eleven element beams.

Several members have acquired TR-22's; Neil, WB4PKB, Cecil, K4CAJ, Win, W4ACOR and Slim and Bertha, W4IAZZ and W4RMC. We find it impossible to use our Repeater from Lake Worth, using 1.4 watts and a 19 inch whip, until the new receiver site is activated.

Bill, WB4OUH, reports that there are three channels above 147 (for General and above licensees) that are clear of QRM and are in use by 15 or 20 stations. Dick, WB4AKH, reported that 146.58 and 146.50 are good frequencies to avoid the QRM.

The meeting closed with all present expressing strong convictions that all repeaters be spaced out in a staggered fashion so that Repeaters 100 miles or less from each other will not be using the same frequency and causing interference to the other.

FLORIDORA NEWS

By Charlotte Frazier, WB4PEL

To W4EHN, Betty, we extend our sympathy in the passing of her husband, Clem. He was not a ham but he did attend many of the ham activities.

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RECEIVING HIS 50 year in amateur radio award is Fred Brannan, W4JZB (left) from Bill Holdich, K4GJ, Chairman of the Citrus QCWA Chapter.

This month the Floridians say "Welcome" to WB4YSD, Dorothy Reed and "Welcome Back" to W4ZHM, Susan Requeimore (nee Engle).

The Floridians Net, Tuesday at 9 AM, 3633 KC is growing and we were glad to hear VESBFR, Barb and WJJOY, Vera who are annual visitors and most welcome.

A group of six meter enthusiasts are holding a Florida Net Mornings, 7 PM, 503 MH. Net control is WB4WP2, Martha. Any licensed YL or XYL is invited to join either or both nets.

K4WXS, Lee is going to become a traveler. She and a friend are going to Disney World via the Intracoastal Waterway — a short cruise from St. Petersburg to Lake Okechobee. Then she plans a trip to NYC to visit old friends and see some shows.

WB4NKR, Clara checks into the Florida Net and keeps us advised on important legislation affecting amateurs.

W4LKM, Annette is back on the air now that her rig has been repaired. WB4FYD, Margaret was visited by an old roommate she hadn't seen in 40 years. They were planning a trip March 11th to the Caribbean and through the Panama Canal.

BARS

By Wayne Tope, WB4TUP

The Brandon Amateur Radio Society again enjoyed a wonderful program. This time it was on alarm systems. The program was certainly enjoyed by all. At the meeting we discussed the new call sign system which has been proposed by the F.C.C. It was decided every amateur should voice his opinion on the subject to the F.C.C.

BARS members are still enjoying the 2 mtr hidden xmr hunts. We have learned one thing by the hunts — if there is a place half big enough for a man to get into, you may find Art. K4AAL there! All are invited to participate in these hunts.

BARS is still looking for a used trailer for F.D. and emergency use. If you know

of one for sale, please contact Vic, K4NP.

Our General Class is coming along real well with about 15 people attending. Don, K4EDA is teaching the theory and Wayne, WB4TUP is teaching the code.

All members be sure to attend the next meeting of BARS.

BROWARD A.R.C.

By Jim Wilson, W4GDY

BARC is pleased to announce that Florida Power and Light Co has arranged for our Club to meet in the Sunshine Room of their new building at 301 So. Andrews Ave., Ft. Lauderdale on the second FRIDAY of each month at 7:30 P.M. Unfortunately the meeting room was not available on Wednesday — our previous meeting night. Come and join us in enjoying some dandy programs coming up.

Dick Long, W4JID, is going to give us a practical discussion of Space Communication. Another program will be a discussion by Pres. Larry Young, K4LXV, on how to trouble shoot a SSH transceiver. This is just a sample of what to expect.

We were all sorry to hear that our Treas. Jim Davis, WB4PHS, was taken to the hospital with a heart problem. We are delighted that he is home now much improved. Jim Moran, WB4FMZ, just passed his 1st class Commercial Phone license. Congratulations! However, Jim's wife was seriously injured in a car accident. We do hope she makes steady progress toward recovery.

In May we are going to honor our ladies by taking them out to dinner as a group. A happy time is expected.

The 1972 Auctionfest at Chaminade H.S., in Hollywood was a smashing success and we thank all who participated.

ORLANDO ARC

By Herb, W4LSR

Art, W4SRG, had another bout with pneumonia. He is home recuperating. Elmer, W4HFR, rushed his Dorothy to the hospital with what appeared to be a stroke. She is undergoing numerous tests to

determine the cause and correct it.

Thirty-two Amateurs furnished communications through the Orlando repeater for the Central Florida Cerebral Palsy Federation. Members of our club who took part are: W4EZE, K4GA, WB4GIO, W4HFR, W4HITP, W4LSR, W4PAD, W4VLE, W4WLN and last alphabetically but by no means least, W4WSO, who was Net Control at the Auditorium through most of the operation.

Three of our younger members moved up from the novice class. Keith, WB4SQA to general, Dave, WB4UOC and Mark, WB4UOK to advanced. Congratulations to all three of you.

Jack, K4GHE is proud of a personal letter of commendation he received from Navy Captain E. W. Van Reeth, Commander of Support Activities in Little America, for the very active part he is taking in phone patching from Mc Murdo Station. This being the only voice contact these 900-plus people have with their loved ones at home. This is a most praiseworthy and rewarding amateur activity.

Elmer and I visited the H. J. Plaza of the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge where our Club will have the hamfest and we were highly impressed with convention area. The Hamfest Committee urgently requests that you all talk up the coming event on the air.

WEST FLORIDA NEWS

By Frank M. Butler, Jr., W4RKH

Pensacola: New officers of the FFARA are: K4BAD-1, President; plus W430DA-4, WB4JHQ and K4FKV. W4COE is active on QFN again. The 6 meter VHF Net held a 36-hour QSO to stimulate interest in VHF. WB4KGW and others hope to set up a moonbounce station. The FM repeater is operating with a new receiver site closer to town.

Milton: Nearly a dozen hams met to form a radio club and RACES group. WB4JRP arranged for medicine to be shipped to Columbia, S.A. when informed there was none available locally for an emergency case. WB4FND is the Catholic

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CLUB NEWS...

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church priest.

Fl. Wallon: WB4TPR was awarded QFTN Net Certificate. The WB4KLY repeater has the first touch-tone operated autopatch in N.W. Fla., thanks to the skill of W4SMS. Also included is a 16-number auto-dialer.

Bonifay: WB4PJT has his Tech. 6ck4 now and is active on 2m FM. WA4GTA has added 100 WPM RTTY capability.

Panama City: WB4LEL is a new ORL. WA4GU and K4KHV are active on 39.0 FM.

Tallahassee: WA4DCN built and demonstrated a CW audio filter for the club. WB4RC1 edits the club Newsletter.

Madison: WA4BCO has a new HW-101 and WA4BO a new Swan 500CS. WA4WMA and K4W01 are also active.

COUNTRY COUSINS

By Stan Offenbutter, K4BLM

Congratulations to our newly elected officers. President, Jerry, WB4TP1; 1st Vice President, Stan, K4BLM; 2nd Vice President, Jim, WA4ONZ; and Chaplain, Harvey, WB4GSX. Installation will be held at the Orlando Hamfest. We hope to announce the new Secretary's name in our next column. Our best wishes to all the new officers.

A warm welcome to our new Cousins: Bill, W5SZW, Warren, W1FTT, and John, WB4NMX.

President elect Jerry, WB4TP1 returned from a nice vacation out west and reported the F.B. co-operation given by the Zero's in keeping clear of 3970 KHz.

Ray, K4QDM received his tone coordinator and is enjoying the use of it. Congratulations to our new net control stations: Jack, K4WSB, Thursday alternate NCS, Will, WA4ZFP, Monday NCS, and Bob, W4UWP, Tuesday alternate NCS.



Birds of a feather flock together at home of W4OSN in Port Charlotte. (These amateurs represent 483 years of QRM.) Front row (L. to R.) W1EQ, W4WKQ, W4EZO, WB4ITH, W8GRZ, K1ICK, W4BX. Top row (L. to R.) W0JZ, W4BEW, K1GYK, WB4MZW, W1EBO, K1LON, WB4RSN, WB4NBG, WA1LFF, W4OSN. Picture by WA4HYG.

Our thanks to all of them for assuming these positions.

A welcome to all to join us every night at 10 p.m. EST on 3970 KHz. A certificate is given by the net. Please check in for particulars.

SARASOTA AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

By Cathy Soehl, W4BAV-ARNS

W2SAW-4, Sax Ringier gave an interesting talk, along with slides, on many of the hams he has met on his travels all over the world. It was interesting to see the equipment they use in Italy, Japan, etc., as well as the various operators and note their occupations. Sax was in many of the pictures, proving XYL. Alice, who took

those, is an excellent photographer. Quite a few of the hams were F.O.C. members, i.e., 1st Class Operators Club, an English organization. There was a picture of Danny Weil, who many followed his Yasmie trips, etc.; Yasmie No. 1 was lost October 30th, 1966. Thanks to Sax for a most interesting program.

WB4ISZ, Jim Hall, President of the Club, celebrated his 36th (transposed that if you care) birthday Feb. 30th. Congrats.

K4FQO, Don Laurent has moved into their new home at 3327 Sheffield Circle, Sarasota and is now back on the air. Don is Executive Director of the Sarasota Memorial Hospital and had a nice picture in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune when they

had open home and guided tours through the new 15-story East tower wing of the hospital.

WB4ULB, Roy Prady recently passed his General Class License. Congratulations, Roy, will be listening for you.

WB4JFK, Bill Dougherty, Field Day Chairman, is busy getting plans for the Club Field Day participation.

WBGO, Ben Letson will be guest speaker at the next meeting. Am sure he will have something of interest to all.

SUNCOAST ROVING REPORTER

By Cathy Soehl, W4BAV-ARNS

A couple of call changes have been noted, as WB4BWG, Frank Woltemar is now K4SQ, WB4IPP, Bob Mattia is now K4TC, and is getting his QTH at Arpeka fixed up with a regular antenna farm.

W4YK, Bob David suffered a detached retina, resulting in an operation. He is doing fine, but must take it easy.

W4DKJ, Art Lynch reminisced on Feb. 28rd, as he was shipwrecked on that day 88 years ago off Jupiter. Art also had a harrowing experience recently when he was flying with a friend to Lighthouse Pt. when they lost an engine, but were able to make Venice on one engine.

W4TPA, Wes and Ersell Edmonds celebrated 47 years of married bliss Feb. 7th. Congratulations!

W4HFR, Elmer Huddleson's XYL, Dorothy, suffered a stroke as they were on way to lunch with friends. Trust Dorothy is home from the hospital and recuperated as this is read.

W4GHR, Bill and W4BAV, Cathy Soehl attended the QCWA-Treasure Coast Chapter meeting and luncheon at the Manatee Yacht Club Restaurant, Port Salerno, Feb. 17th. K4GZ, Charlie Louis, Chairman, introduced W4GHR (ex-

HEY GANG! THE ORLANDO HAMFEST IS COMING SOON! NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR, HOWARD JOHNSON'S MOTOR LODGE, AT THE INTERSECTION OF I-4 & LEE RD. JUST NORTH OF DOWNTOWN ORLANDO. THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF DOOR PRIZES - EVEN SOME FOR THE XYL'S TOO! - MEETINGS AND EXHIBITS FOR ALL, SEVERAL BIG MAIN PRIZES! FUN FOR EVERYONE!!



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All other Hamfest Business and correspondence may be sent to the Orlando Hamfest Chairman, Bob Montgomery, K4VFV, 1913 Kingland Orlando, Florida 32808

Chairman Suncoast Chapter QCWA), who invited all to their meetings and to check into their Net, Tuesdays, 4 PM, 7265 KC. Next QCWA-Treasure Coast Chapter meeting and luncheon will be held in the Reef Motel Restaurant, Vero Beach, March 16th. Members, XYLs and friends are welcome.

HOLLYWOOD AMATEUR CLUB

By Minnie Levine, WA4RLS
Jim, WB4FMZ, received his second class radio telephone license.

We hope everyone enjoyed the Broward Auction Fest.

Dave, WB4LAX, is back home from the high seas and Ed, K4PK, has just left for the high seas.

New officers elected to fill vacancies left by changes of QTHs are: VP., Kevin, WB4HML; Treas., Minnie, WA4RLS; and Recording Secretary, Alice Straczynski.

The Homebrew Contest winners are: 1st place, Nancy, WN4YMW for a 30-watt CW transmitter; 2nd place, Joy, WB4CKX for a phone patch; and 3rd place to Winky, WA4NET for his electronic keyer. Leo, W4FRL, Charles, WB4VQF, Jack, K4EGN, Chris, WB4RSV and Charlie, WN4UNV qualified for club code proficiency awards.

WB4TON originated 126 messages from Haleah. Camp-O-Ree, 14 of those were Mars grants.

The 1972 Club directory shows 80 paid members of which 53 attended the February meeting. Remember! You must attend the club meeting to pick up your copy of the directory.

TAMPA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

By Frank Shannon, K4GT
TARC has just completed another two-week participation at the Florida State Fair. W4DUG crew handled 1306 originations from our booth installation there. The normal average has been approximately 3,000 messages over the last five years. Exceptionally rainy and cold weather experienced this year, especially during the first week, was, no doubt, responsible for this reduction. Our club Proxy, Frank Ziegler, extends kudos and thanks to all who served at the booth and those who operated the key, and, of course, our daytime voice-operators Van and Helen. Van and his XYL (also licensed) for many years have served every day of the Fair in the "static-room," behind the glass. Ralph Condy, teamed up with John Figgarty, scheduled the CW operators for their respective night tricks at the key of

W4DUG. Also, our Proxy, thanks those non-member volunteers. If we've missed anyone — or group — it is not intentional. And, to Mae, W4CLL, and her net traffic stations!

Our aggressive Chairman of Program Committee and VP at Cita, has recovered from a somewhat prolonged illness. Our Jim Bingham, W4KRC, is still hot at the CW key on his various nets. As usual your Scribe expects to team up with Jim at the coming Orlando Hamfest — especially at the QCWA dinner-meeting to be held there jointly.

Our Nominations Committee, recently appointed by Proxy Ziegler, announced their choice of Officers and Directors at our February 21st meeting. Those serving on committee were Don Fischer, Chairman; Frank Shannon and John Fogarty.

Our March 8th meeting attendance will vote and elect our new slate of Officers and Directors for ensuing year.

WEST PALM BEACH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC., WAIHAW

By Charles B. Stables, WB4XKR, Secretary
Charles Engelke, WB4VUS, has been appointed ORS.

Hal (Tiny) Britton, WN4TDZ, has 40 Mikes confirmed and needs only Hawaii for WAS. Are you copying, Hawaii? As soon as Tiny gets his General, he will try for WAS phone.

W4BRE finally worked JTAE, Outer Mongolia. Unless more revolutions occur, the Old Redwood will soon run out of countries.

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Charles Minor, Sr., K4TFQ, who died instantly February 29 in a car-trail wreck near Mulberry, Fla. Charles had been a member of our Club since its revival.



GATOR CHAPTER REPORT

By K4PI

The February meeting of the Gator Chapter QCWA was held at the Causeway Inn, Tampa, on Saturday, February 19 and approximately 30 members and guests were present, with Ohio being particularly well represented, plus a few from New England.

Plans for future meetings and messes were discussed and per Secretary-

Treasurer, Lew Seck, was presented with a Fifty Year QCWA membership award.

We were pleased to have as our guests Andrew Stafer, W4TE, and his wife, since OOTC is always well represented at QCWA affairs. Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 18 and members are requested to reply to our Secretary-Treasurer, Lew Seck, if you plan to attend.

Q.C.W.A. — SUNCOAST CHAPTER

By Bill Soehl, W4GHR

BIGGER & BETTER, that's the way to tell of each succeeding month's meeting of the young Suncoast Chapter. At our March 1st meeting, we had 35 members and guests, who enjoyed a delicious ham steak luncheon.

WAYK, Bob David, our QCWA Director, was to be our speaker, but due to an eye operation, Bob was unable to attend. He sent word that he would call a meeting with a representative of each of the five Florida Chapters attending to formulate plans for the betterment of the organization. Our Suncoast representative will be appointed at our next meeting to be held at the Windjammer Restaurant, in Sarasota, on April 5th.

W4KW, Art Milligan, Director of the 8th District, gave an interesting talk on the QCWA. Art may become an Englewood Floridian soon.

At our next meeting we will have W2SAW, Sam Ringler with us to show slides of his DX-pedition to the Socorro Island.

Q.C.W.A.

SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER

May 2, as announced earlier, was QCWA Election Night in South Florida. A record turnout presented many new faces and the return of many old friends. W4ND, ex-president of the Miami Amateur Radio Club for many years (1927-28) was our guest of honor, and now an active member of this chapter. Long lost K4KQ was welcomed back, though confidentially he has been paying his dues regularly. K4OX and W4DZ of 10 meter fame were new guests, with W1WJ and the Mrs. paying us a surprise visit again this year.

W4GJ, organizer and chairman of this chapter for the past twelve years, retains this post by popular demand. K4TT (edg) is your new vice chairman by the majority of votes. Your scribe, W4JO, is still with you as Secretary-Treasurer as no one else seemed to want the job. Everybody is paying his dues, too. I don't get it.

We had quite a lively discussion from the

floor in regards to "business meetings" or the lack of them. The general opinion is revealed that most of us meet for sociability or good fellowship with a minimum of business problems. You might be surprised to see the hours logged by your officers over the land-line, and yes by radio, and even mobile radio! Incidentally, your new Vice-Chairman is also an ardent 10 meter hobbler.

The greatest event in the life of a QCWA member is the 50 Year Award. This chapter has its share. We promise to publish a list soon. Your chairman, W4GJ and our good friend, K4EN received their Gold 50 Year Awards at the dinner of May 2 amid a round of applause.

Don't miss our next dinner April 6th, the first Thursday evening of the month. The place: Sammie's Coffee Shop, 3380 N.E. Second Ave., Miami. Wear shoes, the QRM is very deep.

SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS

By K4PI

We are very pleased to report total membership of this organization is well over a thousand and rapidly increasing, with Florida well represented.

I would like to meet all members at the Orlando Hamfest in May and discuss certain matters pertaining to our organization.

Florida members please feel free to write me at any time and I will be glad to send applications for membership.

ARRL FIGHTS FOR 220

The Electronic Industries Association, an organization of manufacturers, seeks to have FCC withdraw the frequencies 220 to 222 MHz from amateur use to create a new Class E Citizens Band.

Because of the importance of this matter, ARRL has decided not to await the docket stage but has filed a five-page preliminary statement strongly opposing the EIA petition, designated RM-1747.

The League recommends that FCC issue a Notice of Inquiry on ways to improve present CB operations on 27 MHz. Full text of the ARRL paper will appear in April QST. (ARRL OB 363)

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FLORIDA FAA NET

By George E. Cooper, W4EH
W4BIC

"E. K." Shinn, W4BIC is on the proud for a two-letter call based on Section 97.35 (a) of the FCC Regs. As it now stands it looks like "EK" is a two-time loser since the commission says of his W4BU at Ft. Benning from 1929 thru 1930 that even though he was the licensee and station owner, he was only a trustee and thus not eligible. Then to make matters worse they have no record of him ever operating W4VS located adjacent to broadcast station WRBL in the Royal Theatre Bldg. at 2200 Talbotton Ave., Columbus, Ga. during the last of 1930 and up till February 1931. An ARRL search came up with the information that W4VS during 1930-31 was assigned to Mr. William Moore of Miami. Unfortunately all of Shinn's documentation went down the drain in the hurricane and flood conditions in Miami in 1947.

Can any of you old timers or any one who knows an OT who operated in the years 1929-30-31 come up with any information,

log entries, Callbook or any documentation concerning the two above mentioned calls W4HU or W4VS operated by E. K. Shinn, Columbus, Ga., 1929-30-31. It surely would be appreciated.

I do not have a complete resume of "EK" but he is truly an old timer serving in the Army during the late 20's and along with other duties was an instructor in both technical and code. "EK" entered the fore-runner of our current FAA in the Light House Service at Key West in 1931 and was Chief of The Miami Over Seas Office and was my boss when I entered on duty in 1947 at the old Everglades Station WBR (Also boss of our editor A.C. W4YTF). "EK" highly respected throughout the FAA's many regions for his many years of outstanding service.

FLORIDA MIDDAY TRAFFIC NET

By Herb, W4LSR

Elinor and I spent a most enjoyable Saturday with the Dean of Hambone College, Clyde, W4SDR at Daytona Beach. He fed us a tasty lunch and took us for a ride in his snazzy new Dodge van with Bill, W4LNN at the wheel. The beach was full of bikiniis and the bikiniis full of girls.

Kelley, W4FJA is mending well but he is busy looking after his Ruby who is home from the hospital. Ruth, W4WED is doing the same for her OM who also is home from the hospital. Mac, W4OQH is home too, after a knee operation.

Clyde has asked me to arrange for a Saturday noon luncheon for the FMTN at the Orlando Hamfest. We all had a good time at the last two, so we assume as many of you as attend the hamfest will want to join us. Looks like four green stamps each. Think about it and we will take a count later. Room reservations for the Hamfest may be requested from your local Howard Johnson Motor Lodge. If you expect to

arrive here after 6 p.m. you will be expected to pay in advance. If not you may prefer to make your request direct to the H. J. Plaza, 603 Lee Road in Orlando by mail or telegram. Zip is 32810.

Birch, W4AIW is back with us and so is Jim, W4KRC. New to the net is Mac, W4YH, in West Palm Beach. Now we have three Macs and one Mack. Also three Charlies. Trust is Charlie, Charlie, Charlie.

The Central Florida Cerebral Palsy Telethon owes its success in keeping the viewers up to date on pledge totals to the efforts of 32 Amateurs and the Orlando Repeater. Members of FMTN who took part are K4AOB, W4SDR and W4LSR.

K4JVA NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER NET

By W4JFA, Asst. EC
The South Miami Radio Club activated

the Hurricane center for the National Set exercise on January 29 and 30, 1972. A total of six operators were present. They were W4BIA, W4PRG, W4MTJ, K4KIC, W4KGJ and W4JFA. We used a Galaxy 5 on the 3940 and 7254 outlets and a Gladding on 84 and a GE on the Miami Repeater. A total of 133 pieces of traffic were handled.

This group will man the station in case of a hurricane or severe weather, and will give information bulletins to all interested parties. The station is located right in the main studio of the Hurricane Center so ample coverage will be given to amateur radio during the storm and the aftermath. The Center has self-contained power and the antennas are double secured to withstand the high winds.

So, the next time a weather emergency arises, look for the South Miami Radio Club, K4JVA direct from the National Hurricane Center for the very latest bulletins on the storm's development.



The Chinese junk PANG-JEN built in 1939 at cost of \$12,000. It was going to the New York World's Fair but never made it. See OLD FRIENDS UNITED by Rex Purcell, W4AFQ elsewhere.

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looks great. W4AFIJ, Virginia Beach, Va. Note that Florida has more "C" licenses in USA other than Texas. Why? How? W4K Clearwater. Really a pleasure to receive SKIP W4PWF, Riviera Beach. Breathes there a ham with soul so dead who never to his wife bath said I'd rather work DX instead. W4EE0 Sanford. (Thanks for all your remarks folks AC)

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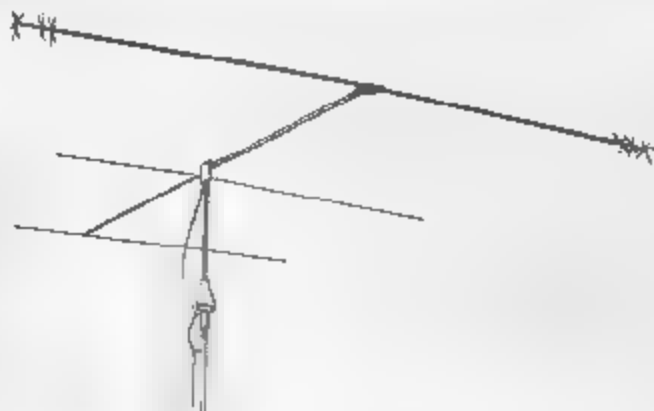
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AIR FORCE MARS

By J. E. Hopkin, Jr.,
WB4BND-AFC4BND

This month's report is rather sketchy in so far as facts are concerned, as I do not have too many concrete statements to base it on. We will have a reorganization in the near future. Once again, we will be re-partitioned into three main geographic areas. The first will combine what is now region one and two. Followed by regions three and four, with five and six also combined into one. As I understand it, each of these new assignments will be further divided into smaller groups of States. While this has been worked out already, I prefer to see it in writing before putting it down here and having to change at a later date. I know of no firm date for implementation of this new plan but will pass it along as soon as it becomes known.

The new AFM 100-15 is back from the printer and limited distribution has already been accomplished. General distribution is planned for the near future also. Some of the new regulations are already in effect, however, the most

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noteworthy of which is the new amount of time needed to fulfill your obligation to the program. Each quarter it is now necessary to put in a minimum of 18 hours with your primary assignment. That's 18 hours every three months.

Another item of note, is we are now allowed to cross state lines with VHF repeaters and nets with traffic, as long as this occurs within the same region.



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By Jim Wilson, N6WCK

As the new Supply Officer for So. Florida, Walt Trefz, N6XXR of St. Pete is making good progress in reassigning excess MARS equipment from now inactive stations to others who can make better use of it.

There has been a steady increase in our main phone traffic net. This meets at 2200 Z on 4015 KHz. Any Navy-Marine Corps MARS station is welcome to check into this net which meets daily.

Message traffic is frequently exchanged between our phone net and the All Florida CW net which meets on 4000.5 KHz at the same hour. The traffic is handled by whichever net can get the message closest for delivery.

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WORLD SKIP

By Phil Reid, WB4ONC

DX-PEDITIONS

YK — Melish Reef — This is going to be attempted once again by VK3JW hopefully by the end of April.

ZD3 — Gambia — Those who would like to work this one can try working Cecil, ZD3D, Tuesdays at 11:00 EST on 21.410. (Thanks to Wayne, WB4TUP)

RARE COUNTRIES ACTIVE:

9L1 — Sierra Leone — Vince, 9L1VW checks in regularly on the YL System on 14.332 around 2100 Z.

BY2 — Formosa — BV2AP is active around 1400 Z on 14.230.

C21 — Nauru Is. — Around 14.200 at 1200 Z. This is VK3TL and will be active for 2 or 3 years.

9U5 — Burundi — Andre, 9USBB on Tuesdays at 14.245 with K8GLC running the

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FOR SALE: Mini retuned SB-101 acvr with SB-102 modifications, extra tubes, CW filter, SB-600 speaker, HP-23 power supply, manuals \$395.00. Warren Crake, WA4DWR, 1830 Arrowhead Trail, Neptune Beach, FL 32233 Phone 813-446-6368.

FOR SALE: COMPLETE: Coyne Servicing Cyclopedias, radio and TV service manuals, Set of 3 plus master cyclopedias. All you need to know for any service job. \$100. Essentials of Radio by Shurzberg & Osterfeld, hard cover, 601 pages, \$3.00 and preface. Collins power plate filter, 329 VAC 3-Phase (can be used on two) 1,000 VA. Sec. 1750V, at 1.50 amps continuous, 15,000 Test V. Bridged puts out 4000 cool watts continuously \$85.00, you haul. Andy Clark, WA4YU, 41 Tampa Dr., Miami Springs, FL 33166 Phone 305-884-3874.

Everybody could see that the couple had quarreled the moment they entered the bus. The woman stared straight in front of her. The man sat glowering at the driver.

Suddenly there sounded the woman's angry voice: "If it weren't for me, you'd be the biggest fool in town."

Then for the first time the man grinned, and the other passengers joined him.

FOR SALE: Hammarlund HQ-180A general coverage receiver practically unused cost \$519.00 3 years ago complete with manual \$250.00. Keith Street, G3DKS-W4, 1299 Freeport Dr., Deltona, FL 32763 Phone 305-574-2414, no answer call 904-734-4975.

TRANSFORMERS REWOUND: Jess Price, W4CLJ, 507 Raehn St., Orlando, FL 32806 Phone 305-425-7351.

NOTICE: Have your equipment repaired by a professional. All work GUARANTEED. Ex-Collins engineer. Richard Plascencia, 8817 S.W. 129th Terr., Miami, FL. Phone 233-3631.

FOR SALE: G.E. Prog line, 80 watt 2 meter base, 20 inch case no 34, very clean, Dual freq. 40 watt Motorola 2 meter base in rack. Crystals for 94.34-76.64. Boon and 4 mounts for quad c hardware. Transformers - one 1500 v. sec 350 ma. sec. Fil and bias, 110-220 primary. One 200-2400 tapped 300, 611 amp., 410-220 primary. Two Heats GW 12 c1 band transceivers with xtals for chnl 7 and 29 mc in 10 meter band Triumph Model 851 scope. All items in good working condition and reasonable prices. Gene H. Tamm, K4C03, 722 N.W. 15th St., Plantation, FL 33333 Phone 205-583-5495.

FOR SALE: Collins KWM-2 with Waters rejector tuning and 146F-2 supply \$575.00. I. M. Sears, W4JCJ, 131 Suzanne Dr., New Port Richey, FL 33532 Phone 813-849-3101.

FOR SALE: Hallicrafters SX-101-A \$125.00. SX-42 \$35.00. HT-41 \$150.00. National NC-150 \$85.00. Omega T7-01 Noise Bridge \$25.00. Lafayette BE-41 VFO \$15.00. Complete set Riders manuals, make offer. NORTH PARK TV, W4FAD, 6420 Central Ave., Tampa, FL 33604 Phone 232-3101, no collect calls.

FOR SALE: Heath HW-12 SSB 60N acvr, HP-23 a.c. supply, D-104 mike, and manuals. Very clean, on the air, only \$85.00. Complete. Ed Enos, K4DRH, 2344 Tallahassee Dr., West Palm Beach, FL 33401 Phone 682-8077.

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FOR SALE: Hy-Gain TH3 ME3 tri-band, year old \$50.00. New Eico PS with speaker, power and transceiver \$50.00. Joe Darmento, W4SXX, Rte. 1, Box 900, Merritt Island, FL 32952 Phone 305-772-0796.

FOR SALE: Heath HW-17A, 2 meter transceiver, with HWA-17 F14 adapter, HWA-17-1 d.c. power supply and Hustler 5 & 1 meter antenna, all in like new condition, newer mobile, \$125.00. Jim Merrill, 239 N.E. 51st St., Miami, FL 33137 Phone 305-758-5823.

FOR SALE: Hammarlund HQ-180 receiver and Heath TX-1 transmitter both in top condition \$235.00 for both or best offer. Pick up only. Charles F. Lovey, 19471 - 125th Ave. North, Largo, FL 33540 Phone 581-5241.

FOR SALE: 79 foot crank-up tower, 6 meter ground plane 10 element 20 foot 6 meter long John TA-31 senior over 300 ft. RG58 coax, heavy duty rotator & controls. Complete in excellent condition. \$350.00 complete package. Tower alone worth \$80.00. H. E. Sengert, WB4GMP, 175 E. Swoope St., Lake Alfred, FL 33850 Phone 958-1432.

WANTED: All active Florida SSB and CW operators participate in FLORIDA SHIP — FLORIDA QSO PARTY April 1 and 2. See Mar. SKIP or write for full rules and info. (Send No. 19 Envelope SASE). We need all stations we can get! It's fun - try it. Editor.

COMPLETE station for sale: NC-303 receiver, HT-37 transmitter, home brew final 81Ds grounded grid, speaker and phone patch in separate unit \$250.00. A good station for little money. Must be picked up. Will not ship. Solid state power supply. Willard B. Turner, K6SS - 57th Ave. North, 61 Palenburgh, FL 33709 Phone 813-544-1854.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Heathkit SB-410 transmitter \$295. and SB-261 receiver \$215.00. Cables and crystals supplied. Excellent condition. **WANTED:** Heath SB-101 or HW-101. Steve Lee, WB4DA, 2400 Simca Dr. W., Jacksonville, FL 32211 Phone 904-744-6065.

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FOR SALE: Hammarlund HQ-180C receiver with speaker \$175.00. Globe King 300 with VFO, spare 4-250 tube, spare driver tubes 416's and xtals \$75.00. Panasonic 7 inch reel to reel recorder-player \$79.95. 100 watt Bogen PA amplifier model CHS-100 \$150.00. G. H. George, W4PJU, 504 E. Osceola Ave., Clewiston, FL 33440 Phone 983-7653.

FOR SALE: Tri-Bander, good condition. Matched pair sweet sixteen speakers \$50.00. Heathkit HT-12 VTVM \$100.00. Simpson 260 VTVM needs work \$10.00. Dick James, W4BTM, 821 N.W. 7th Street Road, Miami, FL 33136 Phone 305-374-8557.

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FOR SALE: SB-200 \$180.00. NCX-5 \$225.00. TSA-3 receiver recently overhauled \$175.00. SRE-34 transceiver \$175.00. KWM2 with 316F-2 supply \$635.00. 12 Electro-Voice 664 mikes \$30.00 each. Heathkit HT-15 tone patch \$17.50. Drake W-2 wattmeter like new \$45.00. CESCO SWR bridge \$15.00. TA-31 beam, new \$20.00. Overhauled Ham-M rotor \$50.00. TR-44 rotor like new \$40.00. Guset Hybrid phone patch \$17.00. **MAYS ELECTRONIC CORP., 866 East 25th St., (across street from Harbor Hospital), Hialeah, FL 33013 Phone 305-638-4146.**

WANTED: Heath Apache TX-1 transmitter. Must be in original condition with C.W. AM and SSB all working. Also interested in SB-10 original Heath SSB adapter. Also looking for 6 and 2 meter converters from Heath ILC-1 Mohawk receiver. Write or call after 5 p.m. George Kremkau, 2016 Taunton Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32207 Phone 396-0900.

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VHF'ers COLUMN

By Frank Shannon, K4GT

Reaction! Yes, your Scribe has already received quite a number of comments regarding contents of last month's column. It is gratifying to receive so many favorable comments. So far on our attempt to bring to the attention of VHF'ers the history and official meanings of the International Abbreviation Signals, namely, CQ and QRZ.

Present day FM and those of SSB, AM, lends FM voice operational techniques towards shorter transmissions. The aforementioned back and forth shorter transmissions are further encouraged by the fact that FM is channelized. These channels are separated usually by 50 kHz, and as the population of FM'ers increases, soon to encourage usage of only 50 kHz between channels. The fact that most all FM'ers are xtal-controlled on these well known Simplex and Duplex channels, long and repetitive call-ups are unnecessary and are most annoying to others guarding the particular channel. So, newcomers to the FM channels, in particular, please be cooperative! 'Nuff said!!!

6 Mtr AM & SSB & CW. Your Scribe spends considerable airtime on this band. The 9.30 AM EST gang on 50.150 MHz SSB, horizontally polarized and mostly located on West Coast are still going strongly! They still refer to their net as The Medicare Net. The numerous nets on 6 Mtr AM are still at it. Lately have been hearing CW code-practice sessions on 6 mostly around 50.125 MHz. Some of call-signs heard — K4ATW, Belleair Beach; WB4LPA, Zephyr Hills and WA4UYC, Treasure Island.

OLD FRIENDS UNITED

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was again established with my old friend, who no doubt saved all lives aboard the old Junk during that terrible storm. Eric's present call is ZS1A and his QTH is Whitesands, near Cape Town, S. Africa.

I'm retired now from job as a Flight Operations Inspector with the FAA. I was stationed in Miami, Fla. for the past 18 years and lived in Miami Springs, until my retirement.

Rex E. Purcell, WB4APQ
ex VS6BF, VQ9AA.

The October 1979 issue of the QST carried a more detailed story of the above adventure.

K4CNB is NCS for Suncoast-VHF Sundays at 7 PM EST on 51 MHz. K4HQA, is NCS for Skyway Thursdays 8 PM 50.7.

ATTENTION CLUBS AND VHF NETS: Again, requesting your news items! Especially regarding those VHF'ers on Florida east coastal areas.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES: March '72 issue of CQ contains a rather complete listing of FM Repeaters. QST announces a free listing of FM Repeaters — mail your request enclosing a large (size No. 10) S.A.S.E. WA4MHS, of Newport Richey is still making good contacts on CW.

WELCOMES: K4EUK, Tampa, has succumbed to 2 Mtr FM after years on the low bands! K4NX, Odessa, has spent considerable on the air time aiding K4EUK to get on frequency — and sufficient deviation! So, the now famous TV commercial ad, "Try it — you'll like it," seems to apply — in getting old timers on FM!

TESTING UNMARKED POWER TRANSFORMERS

By Gary Madison, WA4NKL

If you have ever been to a junk yard or surplus emporium and discovered a large quantity of unmarked power transformers, or if you have a few gathering dust in your junk box (my room is a junk box! — Ed.), you can find out whether they work and determine their specifications, using only a VOM and a light bulb.

The method is simple enough, although perhaps time consuming. First measure the DC resistance of all possible pairs of wires or terminals. Remember that a winding could have more than two leads. Label the leads, and write down the resistances found for each. For a group with more than two leads, note the maximum reading obtained. A reading of zero Ohms usually indicates a filament winding or other low voltage, medium, or high current winding. Of course, it could also mean a shorted winding!

Next, connect the two leads which produced the highest reading in series with a 75 or 100 watt light bulb and connect the combination to the 115 volt line. The bulb will probably glow a dull red or not at all. If it glows brightly, then either the trans-



The West Palm Beach ARC had 82 people attend their Colombian Program spearheaded by Tony Correa, HK3QB-W4. Here are just a few VIPs: From Left to Right: Russell Sykes, State Representative, WN4QLG; Harold Kilpatrick, Club President, WR4NPN; Frank Foster, West Palm Beach Mayor; Antonio M. Correa, Director of Colombian Program, HK3QB-W4; General Luis E. Ordonez, former Colombian President; Ricardo Riveros, Manager of Aerocaribbean Airlines in Miami; John Riscotta, Assistant Manager.

former is designed for very high power or one of the following is true:

- 1.) It is designed for 400 Hertz operation.
- 2.) There is an internal short circuit.
- 3.) All of the windings are rated for less than 115 volts.

If it glows brightly, but you can lift the transformer by yourself, it is probably not designed for very high power and you will have to abandon the transformer.

If the bulb glows red or not at all, connect the winding directly to the line through a one-half or 1 ampere fuse. Measure the voltage across the winding which had the least DC resistance. If several windings measure zero Ohms, measure the voltage across them all. If

the lowest voltage is less than five volts, then either it is a low voltage tap or you have connected the line to the high voltage winding. The latter is more likely alternative. At any rate, the next step is to connect the bulb in series with the winding having the next highest resistance. If the bulb glows brightly, the previous winding was correct. If it does not, try the above voltage measuring tests. If necessary continue this process further.

Once the voltage looks good, you can assume that you probably have found the primary winding. Now measure all the voltages, write them on a piece of paper, and glue the paper on the transformer for future reference. Have fun.

(from K2DEL Knight News)



Meet Thomas H. Goldsmith, WB4EQU of Fort Walton Beach. Tom is Asst. SEC of W. Fla. He received his Novice in 1966 and has been very active in traffic and emergency work ever since. He can be found often on the West Florida Phone Net.

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